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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.:	10/028,336	)	Confirmation No. 2801
Filed:	December 22, 2001	)	
Applicant(s):	Emery W. Dilling	)	
Title:	PROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE	)	
Art Unit:	3738	)	
Examiner:	Thomas C. Barrett	)	
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Attorney Docket No.:	71738/5841	)	
Customer No.:	22242	)	
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Date Karin E. Harden

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for an extension of time for reply in the above-identified application for the period required to make the accompanying reply timely, or, if there be no accompanying reply, for the period for which the fee is indicated or the period necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application if longer than the period for which the fee is indicated.

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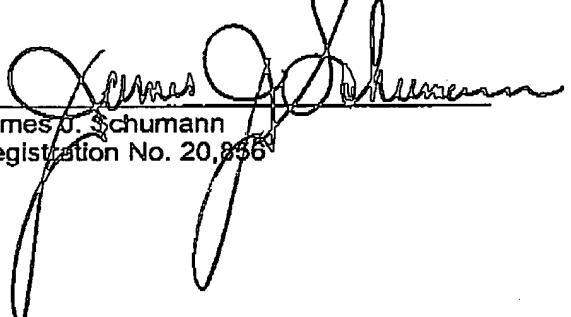
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Application No. 10/028,336  
Amendment dated August 2, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2004

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